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ROBBED MRS. M. S. STONE

Wife of Vermont Educator Victim of Pickpocket

New York, March 7.—A man whom the police believe to be Louis Steinbacher, a pickpocket with a long record, whose special field of activity is the subway, is being held at police headquarters pending an investigation into his record after his arrest last night on the charge of having picked the pocket of a woman passenger in the subway. She is Mrs. M. S. Stone, wife of the State superintendent of education of Vermont.

Mrs. Stone entered a subway train at the Thirty-third street station and Steinbacher, it is charged, followed her and after the train had started to move opened her handbag. Mrs. Stone knew nothing of this, but Detective John Finn, who has made the detection of subway crooks his specialty, saw the operation. While the man's hand was still in Mrs. Stone's handbag he managed to handcuff him. A fight immediately started, in which passengers were bowled over and there was a general uproar. Steinbacher's friends attempted to free him from the detective's grasp, but two policemen came to his assistance. When the train reached the Grand Central station, with the motorman blowing his whistle in alarm there were other detectives on hand to take the prisoner to police headquarters. Mrs. Stone was induced to prefer a charge of larceny against Steinbacher because Detective Finn said he found a \$2 bill in the hand which opened her bag.

LAWYER TO BECOME MONK

Wealthy Californian, Ex-Office Holder, Joins Franciscan Friars

Pateron, N. J., March 8.—Maurice E. Finn, a wealthy California lawyer, is now a postulant in St. Bonaventura's Franciscan monastery here, and next Saturday he will enter the novitiate, with the announced intention of becoming a priest.

Mr. Finn has been engaged in the practice of law in New York for the past year. He is 34 years old and is the son of the late W. E. Finn, a California banker, one time Mayor of Sutter Creek, Cal., once the centre of a famous gold rush. Mr. Finn received his early education in the West and later took the classical course at Holy Cross University, Worcester, Mass. He studied philosophy and law at the Boston University and spent a year at Johns Hopkins University. He has been admitted to the bar in Massachusetts, New York and California. For two years he was District Attorney of Amador county, California, and spent four years as private secretary of Consul-General James O'Reilly in China.

\$30,000 A YEAR FOR DINNER

Ricketts Plunged Heavily in Entertaining Art Parties

Chicago, March 8.—Robert R. Ricketts, head of the insolvent art firm of Moulton & Ricketts, with branches in New York and Milwaukee, gave a clue last night to the financial mysteries of the firm.

Mr. Ricketts' expenditures for dinners and other forms of entertainment for prospective art buyers were heavy. His brother said they amounted to between \$25,000 and \$30,000 a year.

SNAKES ARE STUPID.

The Reptiles May Be Tamed, but They Cannot Be Trained.

One cannot train or teach snakes to do anything whatever. Their brain power is so limited that the marvel is how they have ever managed to survive in the great competition, especially when one finds that they are still on the "ascending curve" of evolution. Most of them can be tamed to some extent by constant human companionship and judicious handling (some species very much more readily than others). When they have learned to trust, to appreciate the fact that there is no necessity for self defense, then they may be trusted, a principle which applies to most animals, and there the scope and possibility of their education come to an end.

After that the most that a skillful exhibitor can do with them is to adapt himself and his actions to their movements, which by familiarity he can pretty nearly anticipate, so that these may appear purposive and intelligent. He may affect to listen to the serpent's counsels, or receive its kiss on his lips if its head inclines in an upward direction, or to lure it from one hand to the other, or to guide it to some given spot, should it by chance glide horizontally or downward, just as the Indian snake charmer takes deceptive advantage of the natural defiant attitude of the well high untamable cobra de capello. —Chambers' Journal.

Glassy.

"I suppose," said the man in the yellow coat, trying to be chummy, "it doesn't hurt your glass eye when you get anything in it?"

"Does it look as if it would ever be likely to have a pane in it?" responded the other frigidly. And he gave him a glassy stare.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Young Men's Association for the election of officers will be held in the Library, Monday, March 16th, 1914. Polls open at 1 o'clock and close at 8 o'clock in the afternoon.

Fred C. Martin,
Recording Secretary.
Bennington, Vt., March 6th, 1914.

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Easy Reading.

George A. Mathers of Troy spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Mathers.

Mrs. Augusta Yates has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Marvin Squires of Arlington.

Mrs. James D. Abercrombie of Greenfield is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Bingham.

George Morse of Johnsonville passed the week end with his mother, Mrs. J. B. Morse of North street.

Mrs. Eugene Vetal and Master Norbert Castello of Utica, are guests for a few days at the home of Charles H. Spear.

Camille Houle, who has been the guest of his uncle, Dr. A. E. Houle, during the past week, returned today to his home in Troy.

Thomas U. Ross and a great cast of favorites in the wonderful drama of heart interest and stirring situation, "Checkers," can be seen at the Library theatre today only.

A number of the farmers in this county have already tapped their maple sugar orchards. In the warm valley of Sandgate there was a considerable run of sap on Saturday.

News has been received here of the death in New York following an operation of the little daughter of the late Rev. Frank R. Morris, a former pastor of the Bennington Baptist church. The child had been ill for some time and the ultimate decision of the physicians was that an operation was necessary to save its life. The first reports were that the little girl had undergone the ordeal successfully and that there were good grounds to hope for recovery.

TO STOP RAILROAD WRECKING

Plans Are Considered to Have a Railway Vigilance Bureau

Chicago, March 8.—Railway managers are giving attention to a suggestion recently made that they form an organization for the purpose of keeping a close watch upon the plans of all railways, especially any schemes that appear to be an effort to bleed a great system by manipulation of the figures.

The proposed bureau would catch a bad act at its inception or before it had proceeded far so that it can be checked before much harm has been done. The New Haven and the Frisco systems are given as examples of what might have been prevented had there been an active watchful organization to step in at the proper moment and stop such performances.

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PICTURES

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DEATH BY PRESSING.

One of the Horrible Modes of Torture in the Middle Ages.

One of the judicial penalties in the middle ages was death by pressing. Strictly speaking, this manner of death was not a penalty, but an avoidance of penalty. In the penal practice of the time it was not enough that the person accused of crime for which capital punishment was provided should be convicted by the testimony of witnesses. His own acknowledgment of guilt was necessary. If the crime was fastened upon the accused by witnesses and he confessed then only was a true conviction obtained. In this case the goods of the criminal as well as his life were forfeit to the law. The pressing, the "peine forte et dure" of the old penal law, was designed as a means of extorting a confession. The sufferer of this exercise administered by the sworn tormentors was stripped and laid upon the dungeon floor with a jagged stone under him. Over him was laid a door, and upon this platform was laid a mass of stones up to and past the weight which the human frame could endure. On the first day he was fed with three morsels of moldy bread, on the second with three sips of water and thus in alternation so long as life remained. During all this suffering the tormentors awaited his confession.

It is of record that as late as 1650 in England a Mrs. Clitheroe died silent under the pressure rather than allow her property to be taken from her family.

The Limit.
"Miss Fry is the most inquisitive sort of girl. There is nothing doing but she manages to have her finger in it."
"I notice she hasn't got the finger in so engagement ring yet?"—Baltimore American.

Intemperate.
Tambo—They tell me that the Stock Exchange is a most intemperate place. Bones—I should say so. Money gets tight, and the certificates often take a drop.—Satire.

If you wish to appear agreeable in society you must consent to be taught many things which you know already. —Talleyrand.

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COLORS OF THE RAINBOW.

They Vary According to the Size of the Raindrops.

Violet, indigo blue, green, yellow, orange, red—the colors of the rainbow. Any child knows that, and the high school pupil can refer to it to half a dozen textbooks to prove it. It is true, however, of only a very few rainbows, as C. Fitzhugh Talman demonstrates in the Scientific American.

The colors of rainbows vary with their width, and their width varies with the size of the raindrops, big drops producing narrow bows with bright, clearly defined colors, small drops producing wide bows with pale colors. Here are the colors as generally seen: (1) When the raindrops average one millimeter in diameter, violet, light blue, bluish green, green, yellow, orange, light red, dark red; (2) when the drops average three-tenths of a millimeter in diameter, violet, light blue, bluish green, green, yellow, orange; (3) when the drops average one-tenth of a millimeter, very pale violet, violet, whitish blue, whitish green, whitish yellow, pale yellow; (4) when the drops average one-twentieth of a millimeter (fog), white tinged with violet, bright white, white tinged with yellow, very pale yellow.

SIGNAL MESSAGES.

Beacon Fires Were First Used, and Then Came Semaphores.

Signal fire telegraphing, with its very limited scope of information contained, seems to have been about the only means of communicating quickly across distances until relatively modern times.

It was not until the days of the French revolution that any material improvement over the beacon fire telegraph developed. Three brothers named Chappe devised the semaphore telegraph. This system got into active operation in 1794, and the first real message, over spelled out in that year, and the text was as follows:

"Conde is taken from the Austrians." The same day the national convention, sitting in Paris, sent back the following reply to the army:

"The army of the north deserves the gratitude of the country." The semaphore operators attained a speed of three letters a minute in fine weather, with an average of one a minute over long distance. This made necessary the invention of condensed codes, which came into fashion.—New York Telephone Review.



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